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EXPENSES OF SALE OF KANSAS INDIAN LANDS.

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LETTER

FROM THE

ACTING SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR,

RELATIVE TO

*An appropriation to defray the expenses connected with the appraisal and sale of the lands belonging to the Kansas Indians, in the State of Kansas.*

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JANUARY 9, 1873.—Referred to the Committee on Appropriations and ordered to be printed.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
*Washington, D. C., January 7, 1873.*

SIR: I have the honor to transmit herewith a copy of a letter, dated the 6th instant, from the Acting Commissioner of Indian Affairs, together with the estimate therein referred to of \$10,000, to defray the expenses connected with the appraisal and sale of the lands belonging to the Kansas Indians, in the State of Kansas, as provided by the act of May 8, 1872, (Pamphlet Laws, 2d sess. 42d Congress, pp. 85, 86,) said expenses to be re-imbursed from the proceeds of the sale of the said lands.

The subject is submitted with the recommendation that it receive the favorable consideration of Congress.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

B. R. COWEN,  
*Acting Secretary.*

'Hon. JAS. G. BLAINE,  
*Speaker of the House of Representatives.*

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
*Office of Indian Affairs, Washington, D. C., January 6, 1873.*

SIR: The act of May 8, 1872, (St., vol. 17, pp. 85, 86,) regarding the removal of the Kansas tribe of Indians to the Indian Territory, and the disposal of their lands in Kansas to actual settlers, provides for the appraisal of said lands by three competent persons to be designated by the Secretary of the Interior, and for the sale thereof, the proceeds, after paying the expenses of the appraisement and the sale, to be applied in accordance with treaty stipulations.

Referring to the above act, I have the honor herewith to present an

estimate for the sum of \$10,000, or so much thereof as may be required to defray expenses connected with the appraisal and sale of these lands, the amount of said expenses to be re-imbursed to the United States from the proceeds of the sale; and to request that said estimate be laid before Congress for proper action.

It may be proper to add that, unless the appropriation be made, the commissioners appointed to appraise the lands will necessarily have to remain unpaid for services rendered by them, until the sale shall have been effected, and the proceeds thereof have been made available, as there are no funds at the disposal of the Department wherewith to meet the liabilities referred to.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

H. R. CLUM,  
*Acting Commissioner.*

The honorable SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR.

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*Estimate of appropriation required to defray the expenses of the appraisal and sale of certain lands belonging to the Kansas tribe of Indians, in the State of Kansas.*

For this amount, or so much thereof as may be necessary to defray the expenses connected with the appraisal and sale of the lands belonging to the Kansas Indians, in the State of Kansas, as provided by the act of May 8, 1872, (St., vol. 17, pp. 85, 86,) said expenses to be re-imbursed from the proceeds of the sale of said lands..... \$10,000